

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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February 2014



The second date for Indistar monitoring is January 31, 2014.

There is required activity in Indistar around your three active objectives and the tasks assigned to them.

In order for a currently active objective with tasks assigned to remain active, one or more of the following must have occurred between November 2013 and January 31, 2014:

- Under *Create*, add a task.
- Under *Monitor*, update a task.
- Under *Monitor*, write a narrative summary or enter data about progress on an existing task.

If one of your three active objectives from Fall 2013 is now fully implemented, you must choose a new objective to work on and assign tasks to it.

- If you are an elementary school: One of your active objectives must align to PBIS and one must align to Rtl.
- If you are a middle or high school: One active objective must align to Rtl, one must align to PBIS, and one must align to EWS.

Please use the Submit button when your objectives are ready to be reviewed by DPI.

To navigate to the **Submit** button:

- Go to the school main page.
- Choose the tab **Required Reports**
- Click the **Submit** button behind the appropriate deadline date. It is important that you click this button so that your Focus School Liaison will know that your work is complete and ready for review.

[Indistar indicators aligned to Rtl, PBIS and EWS](#)

[Focus School Requirements 2013-14](#)

Focus School Networking at WSRA

Join Us!

Thursday, February 6, 2014

4:30 p.m. DoubleTree Hotel

Free hot hors d'oeuvres and collegial conversation

First 50 to enter get a free prize!

Join us at the just across the street from the WSRA convention center.
Share ideas, access literacy experts, and get your questions answered as we work collaboratively to increase student achievement.

A few spots are still available.

To register, please contact Mary Jo Ziegler at (608) 267-1281 or Mary.Ziegler@dpi.wi.gov

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Register Now!

[Click here to register](#)

Title I Innovation Conference
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee, WI

This conference will support Focus and Priority School improvement through facilitated networking and strategic implementation practices. School teams will attend with the purpose of spending time together learning, networking with other similar schools, and planning for 2014-15.

Invited Speakers

Ian Guidera

The Science of Implementation

School leaders seeking to bring about dramatic and sustainable improvements to their organizational cultures and instructional systems will explore the seven necessary components of an implementation plan. In order to effectively support school improvement, each of these components must be integrated into a cohesive system of support. Learn to enhance your plan for the 2014-15 school year in order to improve systems and develop positive, schoolwide cultures.

Furman Brown

Sensible Innovations

Sensible innovations can help public schools redesign their use of time, talent, technology, professional development, and space to build high-impact systems and structures. Through flexible thinking, schools can add significant time for both students and teachers with no additional cost.

Other Professional Development Opportunities and Resources

Professional development that may be funded with Focus School Grants includes:

- [Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention, February 6-8, 2014](#)
- [Wisconsin Rtl Summit, March 5-6, 2014](#)
- [46th Wisconsin Mathematics Council Annual Conference, April 30-May 2, 2014](#)
- [Wisconsin Title I Association Conference, April 3-4, 2014](#)

Rtl Summit, March 5 - 6 in Green Bay

The 2014 Wisconsin RTI Summit will be held March 5-6, 2014, at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. This summit will be a continuation of the previous Wisconsin RTI Summits and the collaborative efforts that have been underway since that event. The theme is ***Integrating Initiatives Within a Multi-Level System of Support***.

The conference will include a diverse audience of administrators, educators, and support staff. District and school teams will be encouraged to attend as a group. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

To register, please visit [Wisconsin Rtl Summit](#) and click Register Today!

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Math Professional Development for Administrators

DPI and the Wisconsin Mathematics Council are collaborating on a series of professional learning opportunities to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics, PK-12.

This 4-part mathematics professional learning initiative is intended for school district administrators, curriculum directors and principals. It features nationally and internationally respected leader, Dr. Timothy Kanold, who will focus on strategies for sustaining leadership in Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment, and Educator Effectiveness. **2014 Dates:** (Note: sessions 1, 2, and 4 are one-day sessions repeated at two different locations.)

- Part 1 – February 12 (WI Dells) or February 13 (Oconomowoc)
- Part 2 – March 13 Webinar
- Part 3 – April 23 (Wausau) or April 24 (Pewaukee)
- Part 4 – June 24 (Wausau) or June 25 (Pewaukee)

For additional information and registration, contact the Wisconsin Mathematics Council at:
<http://www.wismath.org/resources/administrators/>

Professional Development Map

Here's a resource published on the DPI Common Core site. It's a "map" to guide districts in planning for professional learning in a systematic way <http://ela.dpi.wi.gov/files/commoncore/docs/All-Staff%20Professional%20Learning.pdf>.

Other Resources

[DPI Title I Focus School Homepage](#)
[Indistar indicators aligned to Rtl, PBIS and EWS](#)